

December 12, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

RE: MB Docket No 05-311 In the Matter of Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992

Dear Commisioners,

I am writing in support of the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") in the Second Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making. I oppose the tentative conclusions the FCC reaches in the proceeding because of their impacts on my community.

I have seen first hand the contributions that local cable access stations including PAT, DCAT and BEVCAM (Peabody, Danvers and Beverly, MA) make to our communities. They provide opportunities for citizens to stay informed and engage with their city and town governments by covering public meetings and events. They offer internships to students, giving them both an expanded civics education and an opportunity to develop skills they can utilize in their careers. They provide a forum for diverse opinions. They tape and air local school sports and other student activities, giving working parents and other community members who may be unable to attend these events a chance to see our young people shine.

This benefit for community engagement was what was intended when Congress set up the Cable Act. PEG Access does not solely benefit a local government or franchising authority: It benefits and strengthens the community as a whole.

By allowing cable operators to reduce franchise fee support for local communities if they opt for local channels, the FNPRM diminishes the ability of PEG channels to serve communities such as mine. I ask that it not be adopted.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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